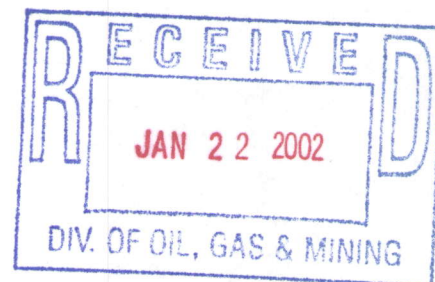


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January 21, 2002

Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining
Attn: Ms. Viki Bailey
1594 West North Temple Suite 1210
Salt Lake City UT 84116



Re: Request for Continuance of American Gilsonite Company's Request for Agency
Action: In the Matter of American Gilsonite Company's Request for Approval of
Selfbonding/Escrow Agreement Proposal for Its Mining Operations Located in
Uintah County, Utah

Dear Ms. Bailey:

On January 8, 2002 American Gilsonite Company submitted a Request for Agency
Action for inclusion the Board's next meeting in February. Following discussions with
Division staff regarding Petitioner's supporting exhibits, we hereby respectfully request
that this matter not be included in the Board's February agenda. We plan to resubmit the
Request for Agency Action in the spring once we have our 2001 audited financial
statement prepared by our auditors.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at your earliest convenience at
(650) 233-7166. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Best regards,

Ted Stevens
VP & General Counsel
American Gilsonite Company

cc: Wayne Hedberg, DGOM
John Davis, Pruitt, Gushee & Bachtell